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REF: A) USNATO 3469, B) ROME 6307, C) BRUSSELS 6350
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1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, PIERRE CHAMPENOIS, WHO
ATTENDED APRIL 3-4 ROME MEETING, PROVIDED US APRIL 6 WITH FOLLOWING
COMMENTS WHICH WE REPORT AS FOOTNOTE TO REFS A AND B.

2. CHAMPENOIS SAID THAT WHILE BELGIANS FELT THAT MEETING WAS
SATISFACTORY, RESULTS WERE PROBABLY TOO LIMITED FROM U.S. POINT
OF VIEW. AMERICANS, HE SAID, MAY FEEL THAT EUROPEANS ARE TOO
LEGALISTIC IN THEIR APPROACH. EUROPEANS HAVE NO DESIRE TO REJECT
A DIALOGUE WHICH IS DESIGNED TO HELP THE ALLIANCE AND TO PROMOTE A
MORE BALANCED TWO-WAY FLOW (AND NOTABLY ONE IN WHICH EUROPEANS ARE
NOT JUST SUB-CONTRACTORS). BEFORE BEING ABLE TO ENTER INTO A REAL
DIALOGUE, HOWEVER, EUROPEANS MUST HAVE AN AGREED POLICY AMONG
THEMSELVES AND BE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE.

3. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT U.S. PRESSURES FOR PROMOTING A DIALOGUE
CAN BE HELPFUL IN GETTING THE EUROPEANS TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE,
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CHAMPENOIS STRESSED THAT IT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE A LONG TIME
BEFORE SUCH AN OBJECTIVE IS ATTAINED. CHAMBERS

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